

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 543

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BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/Federal Asset Sales

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . S. 1357. Exon motion to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Bumpers amendment No. 3028.

ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 49-50

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1357, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

The Bumpers amendment would add that for the purposes of the Budget Act, the amounts realized from sales of Federal assets would not be scored with respect to the level of budget authority, outlays, or revenues.

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent, 1 minute of debate was allowed on the amendment. Further, statements on the amendment were inserted into the record. Following debate, Senator Domenici raised the point of order that the amendment violated the Byrd rule of the Budget Act. Senator Exon then moved to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to waive opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to waive favored the amendment.

NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote of the Senate is required to waive the Budget Act. Following the failure of the motion to waive, the point of order was upheld and the amendment thus fell. For related debate on asset sales, see vote No. 183. For related debate on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, see vote Nos. 190 and 525).

Those favoring the motion to waive contended:

Selling Federal assets is a foolish way to balance the budget. If asset sales are used for 5 percent of revenues in one year, the next year there will be a 5-percent shortfall unless even more assets are sold. Allowing the sale of assets to be scored in budget calculations will thus cause increasing pressure to sell more and more, until we squander our children's national heritage. Our children will be

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YEAS (49)			NAYS (50)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (3 or 6%)	Democrats (46 or 100%)		Republicans (50 or 94%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Chafee	Akaka	Inouye	Abraham	Hutchison		
Cohen	Baucus	Johnston	Ashcroft	Inhofe		
Snowe	Biden	Kennedy	Bennett	Jeffords		
	Bingaman	Kerrey	Bond	Kassebaum		
	Boxer	Kerry	Brown	Kempthorne		
	Bradley	Kohl	Burns	Kyl		
	Breaux	Lautenberg	Campbell	Lott		
	Bryan	Leahy	Coats	Lugar		
	Bumpers	Levin	Cochran	Mack		
	Byrd	Lieberman	Coverdell	McCain		
	Conrad	Mikulski	Craig	McConnell		
	Daschle	Moseley-Braun	D'Amato	Murkowski		
	Dodd	Moynihan	DeWine	Nickles		
	Dorgan	Murray	Dole	Pressler		
	Exon	Nunn	Domenici	Roth		
	Feingold	Pell	Faircloth	Santorum		
	Feinstein	Pryor	Frist	Shelby		
	Ford	Reid	Gorton	Simpson		
	Glenn	Robb	Gramm	Smith		
	Graham	Rockefeller	Grams	Specter		
	Harkin	Sarbanes	Grassley	Stevens		
	Heflin	Simon	Gregg	Thomas		
	Hollings	Wellstone	Hatch	Thompson		
			Hatfield	Thurmond		
			Helms	Warner		

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

better of if public buildings, parks, powerplants, and other precious resources are owned by the Federal Government instead of by private citizens. We are most concerned that this sale will enable oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to go forward. We therefore urge Senators to vote in favor of the motion to waive.

Those opposing the motion to waive contended:

We see no reason to explain yet again why the Senate should reject these propositions which it has already rejected this session.